THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGALRAO): (a) Yes, sir.

(b) and (c) The information is being compiled and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Consideration of Drugs by Kelkar Committee

499. SHRIMATI RATAN KUMARI: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) what are the names of the drugs communicated in the representations to the Government from schedule two of DPCO, 1987 as having sales turn-over of less than Rs. 50 lakhs in 1986;

(b) how many of these have been considered by the Kelkar Committee and what are the decisions of the Committee;

(c) whether it is a fact that the number of such drugs is not less than 60; and

(d) what is the basis of the report where the committee has gone wrong in as many as 40% of the drugs included in the list?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGALRAO): (a) to (d) Some of the recommendations contained in the Supplementary report submitted by the Kelkar Committee are still under examination.

Letter Boxes in Obra city

500. SHRI JERLIE E. TARIANG: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) how many letter boxes have been provided for clearance of mail in Obra city in district Mirzapur having a population of about 1 1/2 lakh;

(b) whether it is a fact that the letter boxes installed there are smaller in size and the postmen clear the mail only once or twice in a week and whether the complaints lodged in this regard have not attended to by the higher postal authorities; and

(c) if so, whether Government propose to conduct an inquiry and take appropriate action in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) According to 1981 Census, the population of Obra Notified Area in Mirzapur district is 22,167. There are 9 letter boxes installed in the town.

(b) No, Sir. The letter boxes are of different sizes as suited to the requirements of localities where installed and they are cleared two times a day. There have been no complaints in this regard.

(c) Does not arise.

Postal advisory committees

501. SHRI JERLIE E. TARIANG: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the criteria/guidelines for nominating members of Telecom Advisory Committees as well as Postal Advisory Committees for various circles;

(b) the details of privileges/facilities and other powers enjoyed by the members of the said Committees:

(c) by when the said committees for Assam circle are likely to be formed; and

(d) what will be the life of the said Committees?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) *Telecom*

Nominations to the TACs is made by the Government after considering the recommendations received from Heads of Telecom. Circles/ Telephone Districts alongwith other names received directly in the Directorate and the Ministers' Secretariats.

Nominations for MPs are made in consultation with the Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs

Postal

The criteria/guidelines for nominating Members of Postal Advisory Committees for various Circles are as follows:

(i) The Postmasters General recommend to the Directorate names representing the various interests after consulting the Civic Body or any association representing press, trade and commerce, industry, medical profession etc.

(ii) Recommendations/nominations are obtained by the Post Masters General from the State Government/Union Territory and presiding officers of the State Legislative to represent the State Government /Union Territory & State Legislative, as the case may be, and forwarded to the Directorate.

(iii) Nominations for M.Ps are obtained from the Department of Parliamentary Affairs.

Nominations to the Advisory Committees are made by the Government after considering the recommendations received from the Postmasters General alongwith the other names received directly.

(b) *Telecom*

Members of TAC are provided with free service telephone connections with 1200 free calls on a bi-monthly basis. They are entitled to claim TA/DA as admissible to them for attending the meetings of the Committees.

Postal

(i) Non-official Members are paid T.A. and D.A. at the rate admissible from time to time.

(ii) The functions of the Committees are purely advisory but the Head of Circle considers all suggestions and recommendations made by the Members of the Committee and tries to implement them to the extent possible.

(c) *Telecom*

The tenure of Assam TAC has expired recently on 31.1.1989. It is under process of reconstitution.

Guwahati Telephone Advisory Committee has already been reconstituted upto 31.5.1989.

Postal

The Postal Advisory Committee for Assam Circle (NEI) is likely to be reconstituted soon.

(d) *Telecom*

The tenure of each TAC is two years.

Postal

The normal term of the Committee is two years or till it is reconstituted whichever is later.

Telex connection to Assam gas company limited

502. SHRI JERLIE E. TARIANG: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state

(a) whether Assam Gas Commpany Limited, Duliajan applied for a telex connection from Dibrugarh/Tinsukia Telex Exchanges about 1½ years back;

(b) whether the company has been given the telex connection; if so, when;

(c) if the connection has not yet been given, what are the reasons therefor; and